Illinois Department of Public Aid

MONTHLY REPORT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN ILLINOIS

September 1983

An increase of 1,432 persons between August and September among public assistance programs financed in part by the State of Illinois yielded 1,075,976 recipients. That increase was focused in the medical-only programs, particularly Aid to the Medically Indigent. Cases rose more than persons in the recent interim, by 1,816 to an overall total of 547,171. The number of AFDC persons declined, partly due to continued removals from the rolls of older children, despite an increase in families. Grant expenditures among all programs totalled $90,631,400; medical outlays are reported in the attached tables.

This summary includes Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Assistance to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled, the Medical Assistance--No Grant program, Aid to the Medically Indigent, and General Assistance in Chicago. Excluded were downstate GA receiving units, all GA non-receiving units, all refugee activities, and the Food Stamp Program.

AFDC Cases at Peak. AFDC cases rose another 160 from last month's record level to 241,730 currently. Persons fell 951 to 733,705; a decrease of 1,068 among children was partially offset by a rise of 117 on the part of adults. AFDC grants amounting to $71,285,100 averaged $294.90 per family and $97.16 per family member. Lowering these averages were 4,067 cases in "0" grant status. The program's basic sector dropped 1,503 persons in the latest month to 661,873; cases rose 42 to 224,404. The unemployed sector, with relatively fewer older children, advanced 552 persons to 71,832; its cases increased 118 to 17,326.

AABD Uptrend Halted. Seven straight months of AABD uptrend totalling 1,372 persons were followed by a reduction of 693 between August and September. The latest total of 30,716 one-person cases included 5,719 aged, 280 blind, and 24,717 disabled. State Supplemental Payments to 24,482 certified persons were $1,552,600, or $63.42 per capita. Interim Assistance totalling $799,600 averaged $128.26 among the 6,234 recipients.

Medical-Only Program Higher. Two aged, blind or disabled segments played dominant roles in a Medical Assistance--No Grant program expansion of 1,267 persons in the last single month, to a total of 179,434 persons in 157,175 cases. Aged, blind, or disabled persons categorically eligible for medical only (AABD-MANG) rose 860 to 132,281. AABD "0" grants increased 503 to 1,593. Reflecting grants cancelled due to employment, the AFDC-extended medical segment expanded 772 persons, to 13,370 in 4,114 cases. On the other hand, persons in families categorically entitled to medical care only (AFDC-MANG) fell 506 to 22,108 in 9,105 families. Foster care children eligible for medical needs dropped 362 to 10,082.

AMI Turns Upward. An August-September increase of 3,005 persons in the Aid to the Medically Indigent program yielded 7,856 persons in 5,723 cases. The program had peaked at 21,115 persons last November.

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GA-Chicago Rolls Fall. Recipients of General Assistance in Chicago numbered 124,265 this September, a decrease of 1,196 from last month. Cases fell 1,047 in that period to 111,827, with all regions but Southern sharing the decline. Totals in the report month included 23,435 cases in Northern, 28,584 in Western, 27,170 in Central, 31,904 in Southern, and 734 city-wide. Grants amounted to $16,994,100, averaging $136.76 per recipient.

Other GA Activity. A survey of downstate counties and townships receiving State GA funds indicated 15,529 persons in 14,196 cases in August. Grant payments totalled $1,985,200. Some local funds were included. An additional 17,557 persons in 8,863 cases were aided among non-receiving units in suburban Cook County and downstate. Grant expenditures in these units amounted to $953,000. Non-receiving units data were partly estimated.

Food Stamp Program. Persons participating in the Food Stamp Program decreased 4,754 between the last two months to a September level of 1,122,651 in 425,344 households. The "net" issuance value of these food stamps was $53,501,100, averaging $125.80 per household and $47.65 per household member.

Applications--All Programs. Applications received in the report month numbered 47,432, including 2,833 for aged, blind, or disabled grants, 16,241 for AFDC, 11,769 for the Medical Assistance program, 5,625 for Aid to the Medically Indigent, and 10,964 for General Assistance in Chicago.

AFDC Applications. Applications for AFDC assistance dropped slightly from an all-time peak of 16,778 in August to a very high 16,241 this month. The latest count included 12,332 for the basic sector and 3,909 for AFDC-U. Denials were 39.9 percent of processings in the combined program, 35.8 percent of those for AFDC-basic, and 53.3 percent of those for the unemployed sector.

Applications pending at the end of September totalled 11,502, an increase of 1,036 from August 31. The most recent total represented an all-time high.

AFDC Openings and Closings. Last month's record of 1,506 openings due to loss of unemployment benefits was exceeded by the comparable number of 2,197 in September. The total of 10,915 openings for which reasons could be tabulated in the report month surpassed the record of August 1977, which had been artifically inflated by reinstatements of cases cancelled due to failure to comply with the Department's Social Security Enumeration Project. Major reasons for opening in September 1983 included family living below agency standards, 27.1 percent; exhaustion of unemployment benefits, 20.1; loss of employment, 15.7; parent left home, 13.6; increased medical needs, 4.7; and all other, 18.8 percent.

Closings tabulated numbered a very high 9,313, including 21.2 percent credited to receipt of employment or increased budgeted earnings; noncooperation with redetermination requirements, 13.4; loss of legal residence, 13.0; whereabouts unknown, 12.1; requested cancellation, 10.6; lack of an eligible child, 9.2; and miscellaneous, 20.5 percent.

Tables detailing reasons for opening and closing AFDC cases, by program sector, in July, August, and September are attached.

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Illinois Department of Public Aid
PROGRAMS RECEIVING STATE FUNDS
NUMBER OF CASES, PERSONS, and AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE
(Excludes Downstate General Assistance Receiving Units) - September 1983

PROGRAM	NUMBER OF CASES	PERSONS	Change From A Month Ago	Change From A Year Ago		AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE	Grant Payments		Medical Payments
		Number		Number	Percent	Total	Amount	Average per Person	
Total a/	547,171	1,075,976	+ 1,432	+19,108	+ 1.8	$180,711,400 b/	$90,631,400 b/	$ --	$ 90,080,000 b/
Categorical Grant Cases	272,446	764,421	- 1,644	+14,983	+ 2.0	106,850,000	73,637,300	96.33	33,212,700
AABD Grant Cases	30,716	30,716	- 693	+ 584	+ 1.9	7,431,900	2,352,200 c/	76.58	5,079,700 d/
Aged	5,719	5,719	- 172	- 214	- 3.6	808,100	367,900	64.33	440,200 d/
Blind	280	280	- 9	- 17	- 5.7	44,900	21,300	76.07	23,600 d/
Disabled	24,717	24,717	- 512	+ 815	+ 3.4	6,578,900	1,963,000	79.42	4,615,900 d/
Aid to Families with Dependent Children	241,730	733,705	- 951	+14,399	+ 2.0	99,418,100	71,285,100	97.16	28,133,000
AFDC - Basic	224,404	661,873	- 1,503	+ 7,038	+ 1.1	91,012,700	65,165,400	98.46	25,847,300
AFDC - Unemployed	17,326	71,832	+ 552	+ 7,361	+11.4	8,405,400	6,119,700	85.19	2,285,700
Medical Assist.-No Grant	157,175	179,434	+ 1,267	- 7,318	- 3.9	53,320,100	--	--	53,320,100
Medical Only	141,386	154,389	+ 354	-11,240	- 6.8	52,866,600	--	--	52,866,600
"0" Grant	1,593	1,593	+ 503	+ 323	+25.4	--	--	--	--
AFDC Extended Medical e/	4,114	13,370	+ 772	+ 3,722	+38.6	--	--	--	--
Foster Care f/	10,082	10,082	- 362	- 123	- 1.2	453,500	--	--	453,500
General Assistance City of Chicago b/	111,827	124,265	- 1,196	+16,545	+15.4	19,533,700	16,994,100	136.76	2,539,600
Aid to the Med. Ind.	5,723	7,856	+ 3,005	- 5,102	- 39.4	1,007,600	--	--	1,007,600
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Other Programs (Not Included in Above Totals):									
Burial	--	--	--	--	--	162,600	162,600	--	--
Food Stamps g/	425,344	1,122,651	- 4,754	+26,119	+ 2.4	53,501,100	53,501,100	47.66	--

a/ Includes the following: aged, blind, or disabled cases for which grants were paid this month; cases in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program for which maintenance grants were paid; aged, blind, or disabled "0" grant cases, persons categorically eligible for medical care only, AFDC-extended medical care cases, and foster care children under the Medical Assistance--No Grant program; the Aid to the Medically Indigent program; and recipients of General Assistance in Chicago. Data for GA receiving units downstate not available.

b/ General Assistance caseloads and expenditures in units receiving State funds available for the City of Chicago only. GA receiving units downstate reported $2,314,600 expended on behalf of 15,529 persons in August.

c/ Includes $799,600 expended on behalf of 6,234 PE cases, averaging $128.26 per case.

d/ Medical payments on behalf of 1,593 "0" grant cases, 466 aged, 18 blind, and 1,109 disabled, are included; however, case and person totals for these "0" grant cases are included under the Medical Assistance--No Grant program, and not under Categorical Grant Cases.

e/ Medical payments for these cases are included in the total shown for the AFDC grant program.

f/ Amounts shown were paid by this Department for medical care of children in programs under the Department of Children and Family Services.

g/ Federal Food Stamp Program administered by this Department. No State funds are included in Food Stamp dollar amounts. "Cases" refers to households participating.

Illinois Department of Public Aid
Aid to Families with Dependent Children (MAG)
Cases Opened, by Reason, July - September 1983

Reason	1983 July	August	September
AFDC - Combined			
Total Openings	6,416	8,470	10,915
Living below agency standards	1,986	2,404	2,956
Loss of employment	1,100	1,481	1,709
Parent left home	1,054	1,139	1,490
"Swapped" pregnant women-MANG cases	3	6	--
Loss of unemployment benefits	441	1,506	2,197
Increased medical needs	396	373	509
All other	1,436	1,561	2,054
AFDC - Basic Sector			
Total Openings	5,548	6,852	8,863
Living below agency standards	1,811	2,096	2,568
Loss of employment	738	995	1,130
Parent left home	1,047	1,130	1,478
"Swapped" pregnant women-MANG cases	3	5	--
Loss of unemployment benefits	233	829	1,295
Increased medical needs	377	348	484
All other	1,339	1,449	1,908
AFDC - Unemployed Sector			
Total Openings	868	1,618	2,052
Living below agency standards	175	308	388
Loss of employment	362	486	579
Parent left home	7	9	12
"Swapped" pregnant women-MANG cases	--	1	--
Loss of unemployment benefits	208	677	902
Increased medical needs	19	25	25
All other	97	112	146

Note: Openings are those for which reasons were available. Table does not include total additions to the rolls.

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Aid to Families with Dependent Children (MAG)
Cases Closed by Reason, July - September 1983

Reason	1983 July	August	September
AFDC - Combined			
Total Closings	8,938	7,105	9,313
Receipt of employment, or increase in budgeted earnings	1,502	1,499	1,975
No longer eligible, earned income exemption	69	49	68
Income from state or local government	577	302	296
Income from Social Security	124	115	147
Income from other federal programs	92	74	79
Lump sum payment received	58	49	62
Income exceeds 150% of standard	64	72	73
Whereabouts unknown	765	811	1,125
Requested cancellation	662	714	990
Loss of legal residence	650	811	1,210
Noncooperation with redetermination req.	891	917	1,244
Absent parent returned home	183	192	241
No eligible child	2,646	718	861
Refusal of earned income verification	80	111	104
Step-parent liability sufficient	101	106	114
Step-parent income verification	12	15	14
All other	462	550	710
AFDC - Basic Sector			
Total Closings	7,755	6,007	7,774
Receipt of employment, or increase in budgeted earnings	994	993	1,252
No longer eligible, earned income exemption	57	43	57
Income from state or local government	421	221	212
Income from Social Security	121	106	137
Income from other federal programs	67	55	67
Lump sum payment received	41	44	54
Income exceeds 150% of standard	59	67	63
Whereabouts unknown	718	760	1,060
Requested cancellation	599	634	890
Loss of legal residence	610	754	1,118
Noncooperation with redetermination req.	817	855	1,138
Absent parent returned home	182	191	240
No eligible child	2,564	678	805
Refusal of earned income verification	72	95	91
Step-parent liability sufficient	101	106	113
Step-parent income verification	12	15	14
All other	320	390	463

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AFDC (MAG) Cases Closed, by Reason -- Page 2

REASON	1983 July	August	September
AFDC-Unemployed Sector			
Total Closings	1,183	1,098	1,539
Receipt of employment, or increase in budgeted earnings	508	506	723
No longer eligible, earned income exemption	12	6	11
Income from state or local government	156	81	84
Income from Social Security	3	9	10
Income from other federal programs	25	19	12
Lump sum payment received	17	5	8
Income exceeds 150% of standard	5	5	10
Whereabouts unknown	47	51	65
Requested cancellation	63	80	100
Loss of legal residence	40	57	92
Noncooperation with redetermination req.	74	62	106
Absent parent returned home	1	1	1
No eligible child	82	40	56
Refusal of earned income verification	8	16	13
Step-parent liability sufficient	--	--	1
Step-parent income verification	--	--	--
All other	142	160	247

Note: Closings are those for which reasons were available. Table does not indicate total deductions from the rolls.

Programs Receiving State Funds--Total State, Cook County, and Downstate
Cases, Persons, and Assistance Paid--August 1983

PROGRAM	NO. OF CASES	NO. OF PERSONS	Change in Persons From A Month Ago	Change in Persons From A Year Ago Number	Change in Persons From A Year Ago Percent	ASSISTANCE Total	ASSISTANCE Grants	ASSISTANCE Medical Payments
TOTAL STATE								
TOTAL	559,551	1,090,073	+ 8,026	+30,306	+ 2.9	$186,609,431	$93,387,524	$93,221,907
AABD Grant Cases	31,409	31,409	+ 632	+ 1,239	+ 4.1	7,585,808	2,532,648 a/	5,053,160
Aged	5,891	5,891	+ 21	- 43	- 0.7	931,095	396,572 a/	534,523
Blind	289	289	- 3	- 11	- 3.7	56,259	23,439 a/	32,820
Disabled	25,229	25,229	+ 614	+ 1,293	+ 5.4	6,598,454	2,112,637 a/	4,485,817
AFDC-Combined	241,570	734,656	+ 8,500	+20,402	+ 2.9	100,767,692	71,649,302	29,118,390
Basic Sector	224,362	663,376	+ 5,170	+12,282	+ 1.9	92,263,446	65,513,692	26,749,754
Unemployed	17,208	71,280	+ 3,330	+ 8,120	+ 12.9	8,504,246	6,135,610	2,368,636
Medical Assistance	156,118	178,167	- 1,835	- 8,287	- 4.4	55,457,680	--	55,457,680
"Medical Only"	140,743	154,035	- 1,868	-11,009	- 6.7	55,047,653	--	55,047,653
"0" Grant	1,090	1,090	+ 3	- 218	- 16.7	--	--	--
AFDC-Ext. Med. c/	3,841	12,598	+ 245	+ 3,034	+ 31.7	--	--	--
Foster Care d/	10,444	10,444	- 215	- 94	- 0.9	410,027	--	410,027
GA Receiving Units	127,070	140,990	+ 1,207	+22,850	+ 19.3	22,186,277	19,205,574	2,980,703
Aid to the Med. Indigent	3,384	4,851	- 478	- 5,898	- 54.9	611,974	--	611,974
COOK COUNTY								
TOTAL	379,095	727,623	+ 4,315	+15,301	+ 2.1	$121,778,275	$67,384,850	$ 54,393,425
AABD Grant Cases	24,641	24,641	+ 474	+ 836	+3.5	5,784,744	1,839,212	3,945,532
Aged	4,869	4,869	+ 38	+ 20	+ 0.4	736,122	306,540	429,582
Blind	224	224	- 2	- 8	- 3.4	39,768	17,660	22,108
Disabled	19,548	19,548	+ 438	+ 824	+ 4.4	5,008,854	1,515,012	3,493,842
AFDC-Combined	158,742	485,025	+ 4,790	+ 1,757	+0.4	68,574,835	48,325,216	20,249,619
Basic Sector	152,584	458,227	+ 3,400	+ 103	--	65,251,934	45,949,480	19,302,454
Unemployed	6,158	26,798	+ 1,390	+ 1,654	+ 6.6	3,322,901	2,375,736	947,165
Medical Assistance	81,520	90,351	- 1,421	- 5,806	- 6.0	27,226,689	--	27,226,689
"Medical Only"	68,820	74,748	- 1,134	- 6,186	- 7.6	26,816,662	--	26,816,662
"0" Grant	940	940	+ 9	- 132	- 12.3	--	--	--
AFDC-Ext. Med. c/	1,316	4,219	- 81	+ 606	+ 16.8	--	--	--
Foster Care d/	10,444	10,444	- 215	- 94	- 0.9	410,027	--	410,027
GA Receiving Units	112,874	125,461	+ 853	+19,383	+ 18.3	19,871,713	17,220,422	2,651,291
Aid to the Med. Indigent	1,318	2,145	- 381	- 869	- 28.8	320,294	--	320,294

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Programs Receiving State Funds--August 1983

PROGRAM	NO. OF CASES	NO. OF PERSONS	Change in Persons From A Month Ago	Change in Persons From A Year Ago Number	Change in Persons From A Year Ago Percent	ASSISTANCE Total	ASSISTANCE Grants	ASSISTANCE Medical Payments
			D O W N S T A T E					
TOTAL	180,456	362,450	+3,711	+15,005	+ 4.3	$64,831,156	$26,002,674	$38,828,482
AABD Grant Cases	6,768	6,768	+ 158	+ 403	+ 6.3	1,801,064	693,436	1,107,628
Aged	1,022	1,022	- 17	- 63	- 5.8	194,973	90,032	104,941
Blind	65	65	- 1	- 3	- 4.4	16,491	5,779	10,712
Disabled	5,681	5,681	+ 176	+ 469	+ 9.0	1,589,600	597,625	991,975
AFDC-Combined	82,828	249,631	+3,710	+18,645	+ 8.1	32,192,857	23,324,086	8,868,771
Basic Sector	71,778	205,149	+1,770	+12,179	+ 6.3	27,011,512	19,564,212	7,447,300
Unemployed	11,050	44,482	+1,940	+ 6,466	+ 17.0	5,181,345	3,759,874	1,421,471
Medical Assistance	74,598	87,816	- 414	- 2,481	- 2.7	28,230,991	--	28,230,991
"Medical Only"	71,923	79,287	- 734	- 4,823	- 5.7	28,230,991	--	28,230,991
"O" Grant	150	150	- 6	- 86	- 36.4	--	--	--
AFDC-Ext. Med. c/	2,525	8,379	+ 326	+ 2,428	+ 40.8	--	--	--
GA Receiving Units	14,196	15,529	+ 354	+ 3,467	+ 28.7	2,314,564	1,985,152	329,412
Aid to Med. Indigent	2,066	2,706	- 97	- 5,029	- 65.0	291,680	--	291,680
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